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Congratulations to our new Champions

Congratulations to North Dakota 2020 and Kentucky 2021! The student team from Jamestown High School, ND, coached by Marchel Krieger, was crowned the **2020 National LifeSmarts Champions** and the student team from Webster County 4-H, KY, coached by Wade Raymer, was crowned the **2021 National LifeSmarts Champions**.

2020 Winners

National Champions: North Dakota
2nd Place: Pennsylvania
3rd Place: Kansas and Rhode Island

2021 Winners

National Champions: Kentucky
2nd Place: North Carolina
3rd Place: Maryland and Rhode Island

Each of the students on the first place teams receives a \$1,500 scholarship, second place team members receive \$1,000 scholarships, and third place team members receive \$750 scholarships. Team members also receive Amazon gift cards.

Missed the excitement? Watch the exciting final matches on YouTube: [2020 Finals](#) and [2021 Finals](#).

Additional honors

These **2020 Individual Category Assessments winners** each received a \$500 scholarship:

Environment: Clement Hilty from Rhode Island

Personal Finance: Kareem Morsy from Pennsylvania

Health and Safety: Owen Sheff from Rhode Island

Consumer Rights and Responsibilities: Garret Wright from North Dakota

Technology and Workforce Preparation: Jarron Larson from North Dakota

These **2021 Individual Category Assessments winners** each received a \$500 scholarship:

Environment: Om Desai from Maryland

Personal Finance: Kylie Fung from California

Health and Safety: Rhett Huebner from Texas

Consumer Rights and Responsibilities: Wyles Gilfoil from Louisiana

Technology and Workforce Preparation: Yifan Zhao from California

Andrew Gryskewicz from Pennsylvania was named the **2020 Student of the Year**, while Lily Martin from Kentucky was honored as the **2021 Student of the Year**. Both received gift cards, courtesy of Amazon.

LifeSmarts Coaches of the Year Awards went to Scott Nue from Wisconsin and Sharon Rash from Oklahoma.

Crystal Kraft from North Dakota was named **LifeSmarts Coordinator of the Year**.

The **Sarah Weinberg Memorial Scholarship**, given each year to a student who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to community service, was awarded this year to Sophie Merka from Madison County 4-H in Georgia.

Many teams competed in the February TeamSmarts Capstone quiz. Each of these teams earned a \$100 cash award for their high scores:

Junior Varsity: Madison County 4-H in Georgia

Varsity: Tescott from Tescott High School in Kansas

FBLA: Alta Hawks from Alta High School in Utah

4-H: WYSIWYG from Henrico 4-H in Virginia.

The top 10 teams in the **OTC Medicine Safety Infographic Contest** each earned a \$100 cash prize for their school or organization. These teams are: Georgia 2020, Wisconsin 2020, Kansas 2021, Idaho 2021, Wisconsin 2021, Maryland 2021, Missouri 2021, Virginia 2021, Rhode Island 2021, and Washington 2021.

Teams from eight states submitted Zoom background designs for this year's **Zoom Background Design Contest**. This year's judge's award went to **Idaho 2021**, and the People's Choice Zoom Background award went to **Kansas 2020**.

In the **Platform Challenge contest**, awards went to Tanish Jain (NJ 2021), Emily O'Connor (NC 2021), and Om Desai (MD 2021)

Welcome, new alumni!

Nearly 130 seniors or recently graduated students were presented with LifeSmarts Honor Cords to wear at their upcoming high school graduations and were welcomed as new LifeSmarts alumni.

Additionally, several alumni assisted in various roles throughout the event.

Team Advisory Board

The Team Advisory Board consisting of teens and coaches was also active in assisting at the event. The team is accepting new members. Interested? Join us! [To sign up, click here.](#)

2022 National Championship destination announced!

Be sure to mark your calendar for a monumental event next year: On April 21 – 24, 2022, the 28th National LifeSmarts Championship will take place in Washington, DC.

Deadline extended

We have great news: the Johnson & Johnson OTC Medicine Safety Scholarship deadline is extended to June 15. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who design infographics targeting an older audience. Details are on the LifeSmarts website.

Have a great week!

–The LifeSmarts Team

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